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SENATOR NICHOL: I didn't take out a thing. The committee changed the amendment. Perhaps, Senator Fowler could answer that.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK.

PRESIDENT: You want to address yourself to it Senator Fowler?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yeah. The amendment is in addition to the bill. It's not a substitute for the bill. The language dealing with primary class cities in the original bill has been retained. The amendment was simply dealing with metropolitan class. The amendment language was requested by the city of Omaha to deal with a particular problem in that community.

SENATOR BARNETT: I've got one other question then of the committee chairman. You'll yield won't you? Did Lincoln have any contact with you at all with regards to this bill, or any plumbing concerns in regard to this bill, or do they even know that it's happening? I couldn't find that in the report. It's a good report.

SENATOR FOWLER: I don't write the reports, my staff assistant does, so he should get the credit. When you say Lincoln, if you mean the corporate council for the city . . . is that in fact what you mean, not the total city. I'm sure they were aware of the bill. They brought no problems to me with the bill, nor the amendment. I recall, I'm sure they were at the committee hearing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I have an inquiry of anyone who cares to answer. On page 2, line 23, it says "in all first and second class cities and villages there will be a board of not less than four". In another part of the bill it says, "the board shall consist of five members". I can see many advantages to having five if you split 3 and 2, you still can, with a decision, move ahead what needs to be done. If you have a board consisting only of four members and you split 2 and 2, what does that particular board do? I'm wondering if it might not be a good idea to say we'll consist of five members; or if you're talking about smaller areas when your talking about first and second class, should it perhaps be 3 so that you can split 2 and 1 and still move ahead?

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I have a question for Senator Murphy.

PRESIDENT: He's busy.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I still want to ask him a question.

PRESIDENT: He doesn't have to answer it.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Murphy, I want to ask you a question.